

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an optical component, comprising:
  - forming a base member upon a substrate;
  - ejecting a plurality of droplets ~~on to the~~ onto a top surface of the base member to form an optical member precursor; and
  - curing the optical member precursor to form an optical member.
2. (Original) The method of manufacturing an optical component according to claim 1, the forming including forming the base member with a material that transmits light of a prescribed wavelength.
3. (Original) The method of manufacturing an optical component according to claim 1, the ejecting including ejecting using an inkjet method.
4. (Original) The method of manufacturing an optical component according to claim 1, the curing including curing the optical member precursor by adding energy.
5. (Original) The method of manufacturing an optical component according to claim 1, the forming including forming the base member so that an acute angle is formed between the top surface of the base member and a side surface in the base member, which contacts the top surface.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of manufacturing an optical component according to claim 1, the forming including forming ~~the~~an upper part of the base member in an inverse tapered shape.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of manufacturing an optical component according to claim 1, further comprising adjusting ~~the~~a wettability of the top surface of the base member with respect to the ~~droplet~~, droplets, before the ejecting.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of manufacturing an optical component according to claim 1, the optical member is being a micro lens, and the optical component is being a micro lens substrate.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of manufacturing an optical component according to claim 1, further comprising embedding ~~the~~a perimeter of the optical member using a sealing material.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an optical component, comprising:

forming a base member upon a substrate;  
ejecting a droplet ~~on~~ ~~to~~ the onto a top surface of the base member to form an optical member precursor;  
curing the optical member precursor to form an optical member; and  
removing the optical member from the top surface of the base member.

11. (Original) The method of manufacturing an optical component according to claim 10, the forming including forming the base member with a material that transmits light of a prescribed wavelength.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a micro lens substrate, comprising:

forming a base member upon a substrate;  
ejecting a droplet ~~on~~ ~~to~~ the onto a top surface of the base member to form a lens precursor; and  
curing the lens precursor to form a lens.

13. (Original) The method of manufacturing a micro lens substrate according to claim 12, the forming including forming the base member with a material that transmits light of a prescribed wavelength.

14. (New) The method of manufacturing an optical component according to claim 1, the optical member capable of transmitting light of a prescribed wavelength.

15. (New) The method of manufacturing an optical component according to claim 10, the optical member capable of transmitting light of a prescribed wavelength.

16. (New) The method of manufacturing a microlens substrate according to claim 12, the optical member capable of transmitting light of a prescribed wavelength.